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Trump says he took the Fifth in New York civil investigation

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO, MICHAEL R. SISAK and MICHELLE L. PRICE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump invoked his Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination as he testified under oath Wednesday in the New York attorney general's long-running civil investigation into his business dealings, the former president said in a statement.

About an hour after arriving at Attorney General Letitia James' Manhattan offices, Trump announced that he "declined to answer the questions under the rights and privileges afforded to every citizen under the United States Constitution." "I once asked, 'If you're innocent, why are you taking the Fifth Amendment?'"

Now I know the answer to that question," the statement said. "When your family, your company, and all the people in your orbit have become the targets of an unfounded politically motivated Witch Hunt supported by lawyers, prosecutors and the Fake News Media, you have no choice." During more than six hours at the office building, Trump used Truth Social, the social media platform he founded, to review the decor — "very plush, beautiful and expensive" — and to suggest the at-



Former President Donald Trump waves as he departs Trump Tower, Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022, in New York, on his way to the New York attorney general's office for a deposition in a civil investigation.

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torney general was squandering time investigating him instead of attending to crime in New York.

But after leaving around 3:30 p.m., he described the encounter as "very professional" and added a plug for his "fantastic" company. As vociferous as Trump has been in defending himself in written statements and on the rally stage, legal experts said answering questions in a deposition was risky because anything he said could potentially be used against him in a parallel criminal investigation

by the Manhattan district attorney. The Fifth Amendment protects people from being compelled to be witnesses against themselves in a criminal case.

Also, if the attorney general's investigation leads to a civil case against Trump and it went to trial, jurors could be told that he invoked his protection against self-incrimination. New York University law professor Stephen Gillers said he was surprised that Trump had done so, given his previous experience with depositions, a legal term for

sworn testimony that's not given in court.

"Jousting with lawyers at depositions, while avoiding lying, is something he's proud of," Gillers said. "Perhaps his lawyers feared that his impetuosity would imperil him."

Trump has undergone many depositions, dating to his career as a real estate developer. He has sometimes seemed to relish giving answers: For example, he said he was "pleased to have had the opportunity to tell my side" last October in a lawsuit brought by

protesters who say his security guard roughed them up outside Trump Tower in 2015. However, Trump invoked the Fifth Amendment to refuse to answer 97 questions in a 1990 divorce deposition. Messages seeking comment were left with James' office.

Wednesday's events unfolded two days after FBI agents searched Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida as part of an unrelated federal probe into whether he took classified records when he left the White House.

New York's investigation is led by James, a Democrat who has said in court filings that her office has uncovered "significant" evidence that Trump's company misled lenders and tax authorities about the value of prized assets like golf courses and skyscrapers.

The company, the Trump Organization, even exaggerated the size of Trump's Manhattan penthouse, saying it was nearly three times its actual size — a difference in value of about \$200 million, James' office said.

Trump has denied the allegations, contending that seeking the best valuations is a common practice in the real estate industry. He's also accused James, who is Black, of racism in pursuing the investigation. □



A sign-carrying anti-gay protester is surrounded by a sea of Pride umbrellas during the Pride parade in Winston-Salem, N.C., June 18, 2022.

Associated Press

By **DAVID KLEPPER**
Associated Press

Research that analyzed so-

cial media posts finds that hateful references to gays, lesbians and other LGBTQ

Florida's 'Don't Say Gay' law fuels anti-LGBTQ hate online

people surged online after Florida passed a law that bars instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in kindergarten through third grade.

References to pedophiles and "grooming" rose by more than 400 percent in the month after Florida's "Don't Say Gay" measure was approved, according to a report released Wednesday by the Human Rights Campaign, one of the nation's largest LGBTQ advocacy groups, and the Center for Countering Digital Hate, a nonprofit group that tracks online extrem-

ism. The measure, passed by the Florida Legislature on March 8 and signed by Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis on March 28, says school teachers cannot discuss gender identity or sexual orientation with their young students.

Supporters have said decisions about talking about sexual orientation should be left to parents, not teachers.

Critics have said the law sends a hateful message about LGBTQ people.

The researchers who compiled the report found that the 500 most-viewed

tweets that mentioned "grooming" were viewed more than 72 million times between January and July. Influential conservatives drove much of the increase, the researchers found, through their own posts or by liking or forwarding posts from others.

They include U.S. Reps. Lauren Boebert, R-Colo., and Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., and DeSantis' press secretary, Christina Pushaw, who was criticized for a social media post in March that compared criticism of the bill to pedophilia itself. □



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Native Americans urge boycott of 'tone deaf' Pilgrim museum

By PHILIP MARCELO

Associated Press

PLYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) —

Native Americans in Massachusetts are calling for a boycott of a popular living history museum featuring Colonial reenactors portraying life in Plymouth, the famous English settlement founded by the Pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower.

Members of the state's Wampanoag community and their supporters say Plimoth Patuxet Museums has not lived up to its promise of creating a "bi-cultural museum" that equally tells the story of the European and Indigenous peoples that lived there.

They say the "Historic Patuxet Homesite," the portion of the mostly outdoor museum focused on traditional Indigenous life, is inadequately small, in need of repairs and staffed by workers who aren't from local tribes.

"We're saying don't patronize them, don't work over there," said Camille Madison, a member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe on Martha's Vineyard, who was among those recently venting their frustrations on social media. "We don't want to engage with them until they can find a way to respect Indigenous knowledge and experience."

The concerns come just two years after the museum changed its name from Plimoth Plantation to Plimoth Patuxet as part of a yearlong celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower landing.

At the time, the museum

declared the "new, more balanced" moniker reflected the importance of the Indigenous perspective to the 75-year-old institution's educational mission.

"Patuxet" was an Indigenous community near "Plymouth," as the Pilgrim colony was known before becoming modern day Plymouth. It was badly decimated by European diseases by the time the Mayflower arrived, but one of its survivors, Tisquantum, commonly known as Squanto, famously helped the English colonists survive their first winter. "They've changed the name but haven't changed the attitude," said Paula Peters, a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe who worked for nearly 20 years at the museum, most recently as marketing director. "They've done nothing to ingratiate themselves with tribes. Every step they take is tone deaf."

Museum spokesperson Rob Kluin, in a statement emailed to The Associated Press, said the museum has expanded the outdoor Wampanoag exhibit, raised more than \$2 million towards a new Indigenous programs building and has "several initiatives in place" to recruit and retain staff from Native communities. He declined to elaborate. The statement also cited a pair of grants the museum received to boost its Native American education programming. That included more than \$160,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to host a workshop this summer for teachers on how to incorporate Indigenous voices



Visitors walk through the 17th-Century English Village exhibit at the Plimoth Patuxet Museums on Nov. 18, 2018, in Plymouth, Mass.

Associated Press

into their history lessons. The museum also noted that its new director of Algonquian Exhibits and Interpretation is an Aquinnah Wampanoag who serves on his tribe's education committee.

Carol Pollard, whose late brother Anthony "Nanepashemet" Pollard played a key role in the development of the museum's Indigenous programming as a leading Wampanoag historian, was among those dismayed at the state of the site.

Last week, large gaps were evident in the battered tree bark roof of the large wetu, or traditional Wampanoag dwelling, that is a focal point of the Indigenous exhibit. Neither of the two museum interpreters on site was wearing traditional

tribal attire. Meanwhile, on the Pilgrim settlement part of the museum, thatched roofs on the Colonial homes had been recently repaired, and numerous reenactors milled about in detailed period outfits.

"I know my brother would be very disappointed," said Pollard, who also worked as a gardener at the museum until last summer. "I guarantee you, people dressed in khakis and navy blue tops was not my brother's vision."

Former museum staffers say museum officials for years ignored their suggestions for modernizing and expanding the outdoor exhibit, which marks its 50th anniversary next year.

That, coupled with low pay and poor working conditions, led to the departure

of many long-standing Native staffers who built the program into a must-see attraction by showcasing authentic Indigenous farming, cooking, canoe building and other cultural practices, they say.

"For more than a decade now, the museum has systematically dismantled the outdoor exhibit," the Wampanoag Consulting Alliance, a Native group that includes Peters and other former museum staffers, said in a statement late last month. "Many steps taken to provide equal representation to Wampanoag programming have been removed, and the physical exhibit is in deplorable condition. The result has been the virtually complete alienation of the Wampanoag communities." □

Nebraska woman charged with helping daughter have abortion



Protesters line the street around the front of the Nebraska State Capitol during an Abortion Rights Rally held on July 4, 2022, in Lincoln, Neb.

By **JOSH FUNK**
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska woman has been charged with helping her teenage daughter end her pregnancy at about 24 weeks after investigators obtained Facebook messages in which the two discussed using medication to induce an abortion and plans to burn the fetus afterward.

The prosecutor handling the case said it's the first time he has charged anyone for illegally performing an abortion after 20 weeks, a restriction that was passed in 2010. Before the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June, states weren't allowed to enforce abortion bans until the point at which a fetus is considered viable outside the womb, at roughly 24 weeks.

In one of the Facebook messages, Jessica Burgess, 41, tells her then 17-year-old daughter that she has obtained abortion pills for her and gives her instructions on how to take them to end the pregnancy. The daughter, meanwhile, "talks about how she can't wait to get the 'thing' out of her body," a detective wrote in court documents. "I will finally be able to wear jeans," she says in one of the messages. Law enforcement authorities obtained the messages with a search warrant, and detailed some of them in court documents. In early June, the mother

and daughter were only charged with a single felony for removing, concealing or abandoning a body, and two misdemeanors: concealing the death of another person and false reporting. It wasn't until about a month later, after investigators reviewed the private Facebook messages, that they added the felony abortion-related charges against the mother. The daughter, who is now 18, is being charged as an adult at prosecutors' request.

Burgess' attorney didn't immediately respond to a message Tuesday, and the public defender representing the daughter declined to comment.

When first interviewed, the two told investigators that the teen had unexpectedly given birth to a stillborn baby in the shower in the early morning hours of April 22. They said they put the fetus in a bag, placed it in a box in the back of their van, and later drove several miles north of town, where they buried the body with the help of a 22-year-old man.

The man, whom The Associated Press is not identifying because he has only been charged with a misdemeanor, has pleaded no contest to helping bury the fetus on rural land his parents own north of Norfolk in northeast Nebraska. He's set to be sentenced later this month.

In court documents, the detective said the fetus

showed signs of "thermal wounds" and that the man told investigators the mother and daughter did burn it. He also wrote that the daughter confirmed in the Facebook exchange with her mother that the two would "burn the evidence afterward." Based on medical records, the fetus was more than 23 weeks old, the detective wrote.

Burgess later admitted to investigators to buying the abortion pills "for the purpose of instigating a miscarriage."

At first, both mother and daughter said they didn't remember the date when the stillbirth happened, but according to the detective, the daughter later confirmed the date by consulting her Facebook messages. After that he sought the warrant, he said.

Madison County Attorney Joseph Smith told the Lincoln Journal Star that he's never filed charges like this related to performing an abortion illegally in his 32 years as the county prosecutor. He didn't immediately respond to a message from the AP on Tuesday.

The group National Advocates for Pregnant Women, which supports abortion rights, found 1,331 arrests or detentions of women for crimes related to their pregnancy from 2006 to 2020.

Facebook spokesman Andy Stone defended the way the company handled authorities' request for information in this case after a gag order about it was lifted Tuesday.

"Nothing in the valid warrants we received from local law enforcement in early June, prior to the Supreme Court decision, mentioned 'abortion,'" Stone said. "The warrants concerned charges related to a criminal investigation and court documents indicate that police at the time were investigating the case of a stillborn baby who was burned and buried, not a decision to have an abortion." □

Wisconsin woman in Slender Man attack drops release request



Morgan Geyser is escorted out of the courtroom following her sentencing on Feb. 1, 2018, in Waukesha, Wis.

Associated Press

WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — One of two Wisconsin women who were sent to a state mental health facility after a 2014 stabbing attack on a sixth-grade classmate that they claimed was to appease the horror character Slender Man has withdrawn her petition for release.

In June, Morgan Geyser, 20, asked Waukesha County Judge Michael Bohren to order her release as he did last year for her co-defendant, Anissa Weier, who spent nearly four years at a mental health facility in Oshkosh.

Bohren appointed three doctors to evaluate Geyser's mental state. After receiving one doctor's report, Geyser and her attorney sent a letter to the judge Tuesday.

The letter said: "We are requesting that the remaining examinations not be finalized and we will continue to revisit this issue as Ms. Geyser continues to make progress in treatment and advance with her recovery," according to WTMJ-TV.

Her attorney, Anthony Cotton, has not returned a call for comment.

According to prosecutors, Geyser and Weier lured Payton Leutner to woods in a Waukesha park following a sleepover in May 2014, and Geyser repeatedly stabbed Leutner while Weier urged her on. All three girls were 12 at the time.

Geyser and Weier left Leutner for dead, but she managed to crawl out of the woods and was discovered by a passing bicyclist.

She suffered 19 stab wounds and barely survived, according to medical staff who treated her.

Police found Weier and Geyser later that day walking on Interstate 94 in Waukesha. They said they were traveling to Slender Man's mansion in northern Wisconsin and attacked Leutner because they thought it would make them Slender Man's servants and prevent him from killing their families.

Geyser pleaded guilty to attempted first-degree intentional homicide in a deal with prosecutors and a judge sent her to the Winnebago Mental Health Institute after determining she had a mental illness.

Weier pleaded guilty to attempted second-degree intentional homicide and was also sent to the psychiatric facility after a jury found she was suffering from a mental illness at the time of the attack.

Last September, Weier was granted a conditional release to live with her father and was ordered to wear a GPS monitor. □

Rhine River could fall below critical mark, risking industry

By **DANIEL NIEMANN and FRANK JORDANS**
Associated Press

COLOGNE, Germany (AP)

— Water levels on the Rhine River could reach a critically low point in the coming days, German officials said Wednesday, making it increasingly difficult to transport goods — including coal and gasoline — as drought and an energy crisis grip Europe.

Weeks of dry weather have turned several of Europe's major waterways into trickles, posing a headache for German factories and power plants that rely on deliveries by ship and making an economic slowdown ever more likely. Transporting goods by inland waterways is more important in Germany than in many other Western European countries, according to Capital Economics.

"This is particularly the case for the Rhine, whose nautical bottleneck at Kaub has very low water levels but which remains navigable for ships with small drafts," said Tim Alexandrin, a spokesman for Germany's Transport Ministry.

Authorities predict that water levels at Kaub will dip below the mark of 40 centimeters (16 inches) early Friday and keep falling over the weekend. While this is still higher than the record low of 27 centimeters seen

in October 2018, many large ships could struggle to safely pass the river at that spot, located roughly mid-way along the Rhine between Koblenz and Mainz.

"The situation is quite dramatic, but not as dramatic yet as in 2018," said Christian Lorenz, a spokesman for the German logistics company HGK.

From France and Italy, Europe is struggling with dry spells, shrinking waterways and heat waves that are becoming more severe and frequent because of climate change. Low water levels are another blow for industry in Germany, which is struggling with shrinking flows of natural gas that have sent prices surging.

Due to the lack of water, ships bringing salt down the Rhine River from Heilbronn to Cologne that would normally carry 2,200 metric tons (2,425 U.S. tons) of cargo are only able to transport about 600 tons, he said.

"Of course, we hope that shipping won't be halted, but we saw in 2018 that when water levels got very low the gas stations suddenly had no more fuel because ships couldn't get through," Lorenz said.

Authorities are taking steps to shift more goods traffic onto the rail network and, if necessary, give it priority,



The river Rhine is pictured with low water in Cologne, Germany, Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022.

Associated Press

said Alexandrin, the Transport Ministry spokesman.

Those other options will be more expensive and take longer, with the higher cost making it impossible in some cases, said Andrew Cunningham, chief Europe economist for Capital Economics.

The river transportation issues are not problematic for German industry as shrinking flows and rising prices for natural gas, he said, with Russia having reduced deliveries to Germany through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline to 20% of capacity. But the woes on the Rhine could still take a small bite out of economic growth if they last until December, add a bit to already-high inflation and lead industrial production to drop slightly, the economist said.

But with Capital Economics

already expecting flat economic growth in Germany in the third quarter and a contraction in the last three months of the year, "the low water level in the Rhine simply makes a recession even more likely," Cunningham said.

HGK and other shipping companies are preparing for a "new normal" in which low water levels become more common as global warming makes droughts more severe, sapping water along the length of the Rhine from the Swiss Alps to the North Sea.

"There's no denying climate change and the industry is adjusting to it," said Lorenz.

All new ships being ordered by the company will be built with a view to making them suitable for low water levels on the Rhine, he said. □

Wildfire in southwestern France: 8,000 people evacuated



This photo provided by the fire brigade of the Gironde region SDIS 33, (Departmental fire and rescue service 33) shows flames consume trees at a forest fire in Saint Magne, south of Bordeaux, south western France, Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022.

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Firefighters were battling a wildfire in southwestern France

on Wednesday in a region known for its pine forests that was ravaged by

flames last month.

The blaze forced the evacuation of about 8,000 people and destroyed at least sixteen houses. A major highway near the city of Bordeaux was closed on Wednesday afternoon due to the fire raging nearby.

Authorities in Spain's northern Basque Country region said France has stopped freight trucks from crossing the border at Irun due to the fire.

Photos released by firefighters showed flames raging through pine forests, sending clouds of dark gray smoke soaring into the sky. More than 60 square kilometers (23 square miles)

have burned in the Gironde region and the neighboring Landes in the latest wildfire to erupt in a European nation as the continent swelters through a hot and dry summer. French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin announced that more firefighters have been sent to the site in an effort to contain the fire. In total, more than 1,000 firefighters, nine aircraft and two helicopters have been mobilized, he said.

The Gironde region was hit last month by major wildfires that forced the evacuation of more than 39,000 people, including residents and tourists. □

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US: Syrian government is holding American journalist Tice



In this image taken from undated video posted to YouTube, American freelance journalist Austin Tice, who had been reporting for American news organizations in Syria until his disappearance in August 2012, prays in Arabic and English while blindfolded in the presence of gunmen.

Associated Press

By **BASSEM MROUE**
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — President Joe Biden said Wednesday the U.S. is certain that the Syrian government is holding American journalist Austin Tice, who went missing in the war-torn country a decade ago. He urged Damascus to help bring Tice back home.

Biden's comments came in a statement released by the White House to mark the 10th anniversary of Tice's abduction, which took place when he was in Syria covering its now lengthy conflict. They were the clearest indication so far that the U.S. is certain Tice is being held by the government of President Bashar Assad.

Tice went missing shortly after his 31st birthday on Aug. 14, 2012 at a checkpoint in a contested area west of the capital Damascus. A video released a month later showed him blindfolded and held by armed men, saying "Oh, Jesus." He has not been heard from since. "We know with certainty that he has been held by the Government of Syria," Biden said in the statement adding that "we have repeatedly asked the government of Syria to work with us so that we can bring Austin home."

"On the tenth anniversary of his abduction, I am calling on Syria to end this and help us bring him home," Biden said. He added

there "is no higher priority in my Administration than the recovery and return of Americans held hostage or wrongfully detained abroad."

Four years ago, then-U.S. envoy to Syria, James Jeffrey, said Tice is believed to be alive and held hostage in Syria. He didn't say why officials believe this or who might be holding him.

In May, top Lebanese security official Maj. Gen. Abbas Ibrahim met with U.S. officials in Washington as part of mediation efforts between the U.S. and Syria for Tice's release. Ibrahim, the chief of Lebanon's General Security Directorate, has mediated complicated hostage releases in the past. Tice is one of two Americans who went missing in Syria. The other is Majd Kamalmaz, a psychologist from Virginia, who vanished in Syria in 2017.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken also said in a statement that "we will continue to pursue all available avenues to bring Austin home and work tirelessly until we succeed in doing so."

Blinken said Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs Roger Carstens will continue to engage with the Syrian government in close coordination with the White House, the Hostage Recovery Fusion Cell, and the State Department.

In 2016, then-Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal Mek-

dad told The Associated Press that "Austin Tice is not in the hands of Syrian authorities and we don't have any information about him at all." Mekdad is currently Syria's foreign minister.

In May, Biden met Tice's parents and reiterated his commitment to continue to work through all available avenues to secure "Austin's long overdue return to his family."

Tice is from Houston and his work had been published by The Washington Post, McClatchy newspapers and other outlets. He went to Syria to cover the conflict that started in 2011 and has since left hundreds of thousands dead and nearly half the pre-war population of 23 million displaced. More than 5 million of the displaced are refugees outside the country.

In the final months of the Trump administration, two U.S. officials — including the government's top hostage negotiator, Carstens — made a secret visit to Damascus to seek information on Tice and other Americans who have disappeared in Syria. It was the highest-level talk in years between the U.S. and Assad's government, though Syrian officials offered no meaningful information on Tice.

"The Tice family deserves answers, and more importantly, they deserve to be swiftly reunited with Austin," Biden said. □

In reversal, Brazil court reopens case of rainforest park



In this July 22, 2019, file photo provided by Rodrigo Vargas, a boat moves through Cristalino II State Park in the state of Mato Grosso, Brazil.

Associated Press

by **FABIANO MAISON-NAVE**

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

After declaring the decision final, a state court backpedaled Monday and reopened a lawsuit that invalidates a protected area in Brazil's Amazon. The judicial reversal is a setback for a cattle rancher dubbed the rainforest's worst perpetrator. The Mato Grosso state prosecutors' office announced it was the reopening, saying the state's upper court failed to notify the office of its decision, as it is required in lawsuits that involve the public interest. The state's upper court confirmed the reversal to The Associated Press.

The Cristalino II State Park stretches for 118,000 hectares (292,000 acres), larger than New York City, and lies in the transition zone between the Amazon and drier Cerrado biomes. It is home to the endemic white-fronted spider monkey (*Ateles marginatus*), a species endangered due to habitat loss.

In a 3-2 decision, Mato Grosso's upper court had ruled that the government's creation of the park in 2001 was illegal because it took place without public consultation. The plaintiff is a company linked to Antonio José Rossi Junqueira Vilela, who has been fined millions of dollars for deforestation in Brazil and stealing thousands of hectares (acres) of the Amazon rainforest, including inside Cristalino II.

In 2016, the Vilela family made headlines in Brazil for being at the center of a landmark enforcement operation against deforestation in the Amazon. Brazil's attorney general called him the single largest clearer of land in the Amazon.

The state government did not appeal, citing technical reasons, which led the court to declare the decision final in April.

Mato Grosso, Brazil's largest soybean-producing state, is run by governor Mauro Mendes, a pro-agribusiness politician and ally of far-right President Jair Bolsonaro, who has repeatedly said Brazil has too many protected areas and vowed not to create more of them.

The legal events happened in recent months, but it was only last week that the local press broke news of the park's dissolution, sparking the mobilization of Brazil's environmentalist organizations. Now with the lawsuit reopened, the state prosecutor's office plans to appeal to higher, national-level courts. In the meantime, the state government cannot reverse the park's creation as it had announced it would do last week.

"The park continues," said Edilene Amaral, a legal consultant with Mato Grosso Socio-environmental Observatory, a non-profit network, in a statement. "Any activity incompatible with full protection remains prohibited and subject to penalties." □

A.T.A. measured the perception of tourism amongst the residents

A.T.A. completed another study on 'Local Sentiment'

ORANJESTAD – In the months of May and June, Aruba Tourism Authority carried out a survey in order to find out the perception among the local residents regarding tourism – both positive and negative, focusing on the aspects of economic and social development.

This survey was based on questions asked to residents back in 2017 in a similar survey.

Originally, these questions were used in a survey among the residents of Hawaii regarding their perception of tourism. It was decided to expand the survey in 2022 with additional questions compared to 2018.

It is important to note that while not everything that was brought forward in the survey falls under the main responsibility of A.T.A. as Aruba's Destination Marketing and Management Organization (DMMO), the opinions and suggestions received do help to direct actions that do fall under the umbrella of A.T.A. and help A.T.A. in its role as advisor and guide to other organizations in the desired tourism development. A.T.A. values the inclusion of the community when it comes to tourism, and whenever possible, will invite the community to be part of the conversation and the results.

The residents were encouraged to complete the survey both virtually and on paper. The organization managed to collect 2811 responses, however, after excluding the responses of people who were not residents of Aruba and the responses that were incomplete, a total of 1983 valid responses was reached.

In 2018 a profile for each generation was created in order to have a better understanding of the different opinions among different groups of residents. These profiles were used once again to analyze the results of 2022. For this survey, quantitative as well as qualitative data was analyzed.

The respondents were 35% male and 65% female. The largest group of respondents was between 30 and 39 years old (25%). The district with the most respondents was Paradera/Santa Cruz (30%). Of the respondents, 39% is married, and 80% is employed.

In 2005, the Chamber of Com-



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merce (KvK) carried out a study in order to find out what was more important for our residents, between economic and social development. 48% of participants answered social development while 52% answered economic development. In 2018, A.T.A. used KvK's question in its survey – and here it was noted that 60% of respondents chose social development while 40% chose economic development. In 2022, social development was chosen by 56% of respondents while 44% chose economic development.

Of those who chose economic de-

velopment, 52% indicated that the expansion of industry unrelated to tourism is the most important aspect for economic development. Of those who chose social development, 41% indicated that more social assistance is the most important aspect.

Comments relating to the two types of development were properly categorized. For economic development, the largest amount of comments referred to more economic pillars, finances and product improvement. For social development the largest amount of comments referred to more focus on the community and the so-

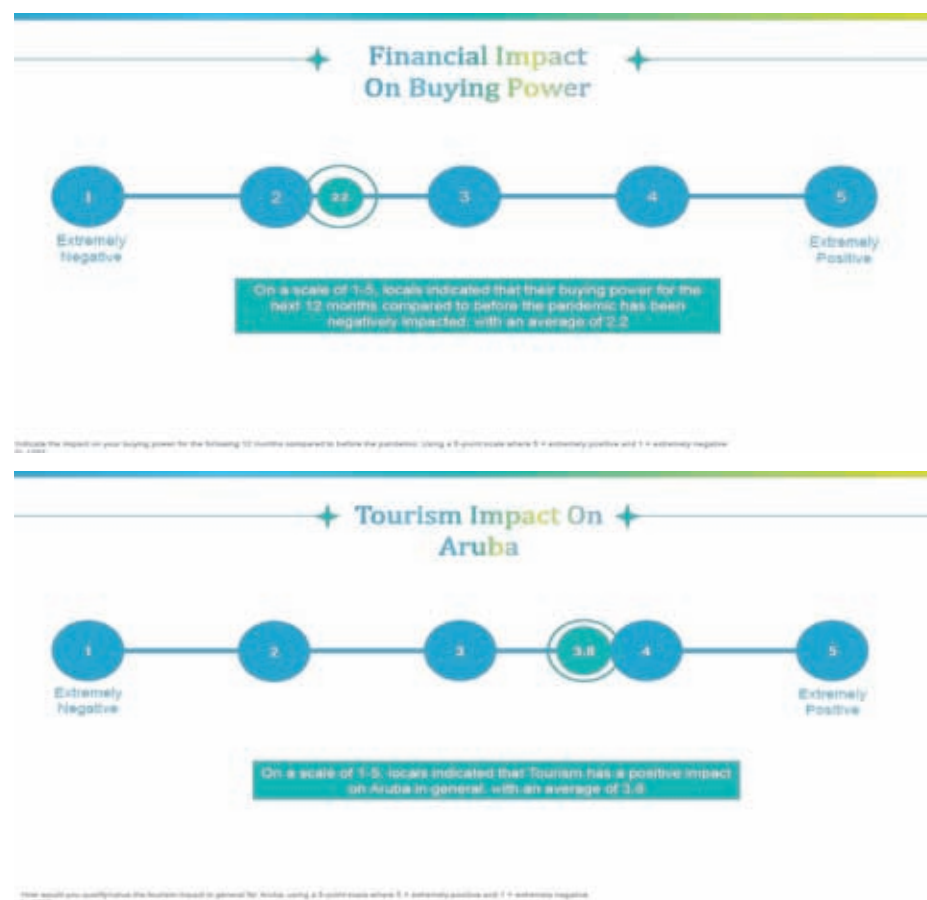
cial aspect, balance and education.

Various questions were asked in which participants had to indicate between 1 and 5 their feeling on various topics, with 1 being extremely negative and 5 being extremely positive. From 1 to 5, respondents indicated with an average of 3.8 that tourism has a positive impact on Aruba in general. Respondents indicated with an average of 3.6 that tourism has a positive impact on them and their families. Respondents indicated with an average of 2.2 that their purchasing power for the next twelve months has been negatively impacted compared to before the pandemic.

The responses were analyzed also comparing different generations. The respondents were asked to indicate between 1 and 5 if their island is too dependent on tourism. The lowest average here was 4.42 for Baby Boomers, the highest was 4.70 for Gen Z.

Regarding the question if respondents feel that they have a voice in the tourism decisions on their island, between 1 and 5, the lowest average was 2.02 for Millennials, and the highest was 2.19 for Baby Boomers.

Respondents were asked to share their 3 main worries regarding tourism: 76% indicated the high prices and the high cost of living; 46% indicated damage to nature and the environment; and 35% indicated unaffordable housing for residents. □



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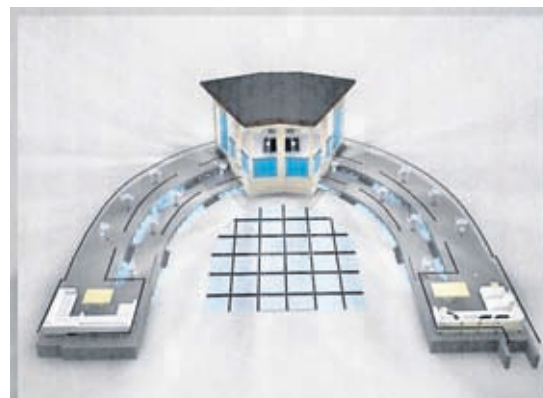
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Creatives from around the French, Spanish, English and Dutch Caribbean who have been living and working together, touring the island and engaging with cultural spaces, and giving artist talks about their works for the duration of the residency will be showcasing the outcome of their time here in Aruba in the form of a contemporary art expo. There will be refreshments served and live entertainment, including DJ Adriano Nanof, will be available on the night. Participating artists in Caribbean Linked VI include

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Health Month observed at La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino



Eagle Beach – La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino kicked-off its “100 Days To Celebrate U”, a series of activities and festivities designed to express heartfelt appreciation for its associ-

ates.

Within that framework, the TLC committee announced a Health Month aiming to encourage associates to make changes and deliver

ample information about healthier choices, the benefits of having a healthier lifestyle, the importance of mental health, and mindfulness.



Health Month kicked off with a presentation by the resort's own Naisa Nurse, a Health Club Attendant and Personal Trainer. Naisa gave a very informative presentation about super foods and how they benefit both body and mind.

The talk, held at the conference room, was well attended and enthusiastically received.

Health Week is observed at La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino once or twice a year, in different formats, but for 2022, the resort's Green, Health & Safety Committee decided on a month-long program, with the emphasis on relevant, contemporary issues.

The associates at La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino agree: Happiness begins with good health. □

Why You Should Not Miss Aruba's Free City Center Street Car Tour

Oranjestad - Aruba's City Center Street Car - or as we call it in Dutch; “Tram van Oranjestad” - is a single track tram line in Oranjestad, the capital city of Aruba. It was inaugurated on 22 December 2012, being the first and so far the only passenger rail service on Aruba and the rest of the Dutch Caribbean.

There are two trolleys, a single-deck one with 42 seats and a double-decker with 64 seats. The line was inspired by the popular battery-powered streetcar operation at the Grove in

Los Angeles, USA. Aruba's streetcars are powered by hydrogen fuel cells, which are charged by the island's year-round trade winds.

Caya Betico Croes, mostly referred to as our “main street” has been developed into a pollution-free pedestrian mall. The double-decker offers you a 360 degree view of the downtown area with a picture perfect scenery of the island's clear blue skies. Who would not enjoy a ride on this beautiful and naturally air-conditioned vehicle? The tour consists of a total

of 9 stops approximately 200 meters apart from each other; all stops are clearly marked.

The tram will bring you close to different museums, historical plazas, monuments, the Protestant church, Aruba's high-end mall, retail shops, and a variety of local and international cuisine restaurants.

The “I love Aruba” trademark also belongs to that list. The third stop on the route is close to a 5-minute walk to the famous Renaissance Marina showcasing



luxurious yachts and Aruba's blue waters. The “Tram van Oranjestad” starts from a balloon loop near the Port of Call and serves the downtown area and ends at Plaza Nicky. The first ride

starts at 10:00 am sharp with intervals of 25minutes. The last trolley departs from the cruise port at 5:00 pm. Don't miss this tour of the beautiful Aruba's City Center – it is free for all! □



Milviene Henriquez, coach of female U15 team: “Many other coaches didn’t consider Aruba as competition”

Monday afternoon a celebration took place in honor of the female U15 soccer team who represented Aruba in the 2022 Concacaf Girls Under 15 Championship, in Tampa, Florida and came out as sub-champion. Our reporter caught up with the team’s head coach, Milviene Henriquez, who told us how the preparation for the team went, and what their experience was during the championship.

Henriquez says that the presentation went sublime. The team is part of a program of AVB (Aruba Football Association) called Academies, and from the academy a selection is made to form the team. These players train the whole year four times per week, the kids have no rest.

Last year, this same team represented Aruba in the Dominican Republic in the CFU Challenge Series championship, where they were crowned winners. Regarding the difference between CFU and Concacaf Girls U15, coach Henriquez explained that CFU is a development competition under Concacaf.

She added that this is the first time this team is competing together, and they wrote history as the first U14 team winning the championship. From there, Henriquez says, the team trained a whole year during which they had friendly games of a higher level of competition, among others, against the Curaçao U17 team. “The preparation was a lot more intense, and the experience they have already, so they are better prepared”, Henriquez said.

Coach Henriquez commented that of the different aspects during the championship in Tampa, the most difficult for the team was the sun, the heat, the lack of wind, and the schedule. The team had two games back-to-back, then a day’s rest, then two more games back-to-back, and then



another day’s rest, until they reached the final. But Henriquez highlights that during their one-year preparation, when they found out the schedule that the Aruba team was playing and the season in which they would travel to the U.S., they began training here on Aruba in the

same hours to see if the kids could handle the intensity and so that they would be mentally prepared for the sun as well.

In the beginning, Aruba was in the C-league, the lowest league for the Caribbean islands. Coach Henriquez explains that Conca-

caf selects these leagues based on the U17 ranking, and Aruba had only participated once in the U17, meaning they were lower. But to their surprise, coach Henriquez says, two days before they travelled, a lot of the small islands were no longer able to participate because of visa issues,

among other problems, and thus Aruba was moved to the B-league, with countries like Nicaragua and Honduras, which are big teams.

“What was good is that the kids were well prepared and put up a good fight. It was a challenge, but surely you can see our soccer is on a high level and deservedly we fell into the league in which we belonged from the start. And what is great about this is that many coaches, for example those of Honduras and Nicaragua, didn’t consider Aruba as competition. To their surprise that was not the case, and we received a lot of compliments from them”, Henriquez added.

Regarding what’s next for this team, Henriquez indicated that first they will take a much needed break. The academies continue, the programs of AVB continue and there will be a new U14 team, which will be formed again for CFU. Henriquez mentioned that there will be another U17 competition next year or in two years, which means the kids will continue their preparation and make sure they are in top form, because U17 is ranked and that means it is a stronger competition.

On the subject of soccer, the male U14 team was also present at the celebration, and Erick Santos, technical staff member, announced that this team will depart tomorrow to represent Aruba in the CFU tournament in the Dominican Republic. “It is a tournament in which we will definitely give our all. There will be four games in one week, where we will play against teams like St. Kitts, Jamaica and Haiti. The preparations have been going on for a long time already and we have no doubts in this team, and we hope to be able to bring this trophy to Aruba and to celebrate with the Aruban community as well”, Santos said. □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: TO SIT WITH A DOG ON A HILLSIDE ON A GLORIOUS AFTERNOON IS TO RE BACK IN EDEN — MILAN KUNDERA

3 ways to fight inflation and win the long game

By LIZ WESTON
of NerdWallet

Inflation is scary. Groceries, gas, airfare, car purchases, utilities : In so many areas, your buying power is shrinking as prices continue to rise. Fear can make you want to do something anything! to fight back. Thankfully, many of the best moves to counteract inflation align beautifully with time-tested money management practices. Here are three areas where smart strategies become even smarter when prices are rising.

INVEST WITH THE LONG TERM IN MIND

Advice about "inflation proofing" your investments often mentions gold, commodities and real estate . If you already have a well-diversified portfolio, though, beware of short-term strategies that could backfire, says Michelle Gessner, a certified financial planner in Houston.

"Your best bet is stocks," Gessner says. "Investing in equities is one of the best hedges against inflation that there is."

Gold hasn't been a reliable inflation hedge since the 1970s, Gessner notes. Commodities basic goods such as agricultural products, fuel and metals can be profitable when inflation spikes, but returns over the long run have been disappointing. For the 20-year period ending April 29, for example, the S&P 500 stock index more than tripled while the Bloomberg Commodity Index was up about 30%.

Real estate has a better track record, both during inflationary periods and for the long haul. But owning property directly can be a hassle, which is why many financial planners recommend mutual funds, exchange-traded funds or real estate investment trusts that invest in office buildings, apartments, hotels, shopping centers and other commercial property. But even there, people shouldn't go overboard, Gessner says. She recom-



This undated file photo provided by NerdWallet shows Liz Weston, a columnist for personal finance website NerdWallet.com.

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mends that her clients invest 3% to 4% of their portfolios in real estate.

"Everything in moderation," Gessner says. "More is not necessarily better."

PAY DOWN DEBT THE SMART WAY

Inflation can be good for people with fixed-rate debt such as mortgages, car loans or federal student loans. As inflation erodes a dollar's buying power, borrowers are able to pay back debt with cheaper money than what they borrowed. Even without inflation, though, financial planners say most people have better uses for their money than pre-paying debt with low, fixed rates. Only after you've maxed out your retirement savings, built up an emergency fund and paid off all other, higher-rate debt should you consider making extra payments on a mortgage, for example.

"Having a mortgage at 3% is not such a bad thing if you can take that money and do something better with it," Gessner says. Consider targeting any

credit card or other variable rate debt, since that's likely getting more expensive as the Federal Reserve raises interest rates to combat inflation. If you can't pay this debt off quickly, look into fixing the rate. You may be able to use a personal loan to pay off credit cards, for example, if you have good credit. If you're struggling to pay your debt, a nonprofit credit counselor can help review your budget and discuss options. You can get referrals from the National Foundation for Credit Counseling at www.nfcc.org.

DELAY SOCIAL SECURITY

One of the best inflation hedges that retirees can have is a maxed-out Social Security benefit, says William Reichenstein, head of research for Social Security Solutions, a claiming strategy website.

Social Security benefits are adjusted annually for inflation, so the larger someone's benefit, the more money they get from each annual cost-of-living adjustment. □

Satellite data finds landfills are methane 'super emitters'

By SIBI ARASU

Associated Press

BENGALURU, India (AP)

— Landfills are releasing far more planet-warming methane into the atmosphere from the decomposition of waste than previously thought, a study suggests.

Scientists used satellite data from four major cities worldwide: Delhi and Mumbai in India, Lahore in Pakistan and Buenos Aires in Argentina and found that emissions from landfills in 2018 and 2019 were 1.4 to 2.6 times higher than earlier estimates.

The study, published in Science Advances on Wednesday, is aimed at helping local governments carry out targeted efforts to limit global warming by pinpointing specific sites of major concern.

When organic waste like food, wood or paper decomposes, it emits methane into the air. Landfills are the third-largest source of methane emissions globally, after oil and gas systems and agriculture.

Although methane only accounts for about 11% of greenhouse gas emissions and lasts about a dozen years in the air, it traps 80 times more heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide does. Scientists estimate that at least 25% of today's warming is driven by methane from human



A person picks through trash for reusable items as a fire rages at the Bhalswa landfill in New Delhi, April 27, 2022.

actions.

"This is the first time that high-resolution satellite images have been used to observe landfills and calculate their methane emissions," said Joannes Maas-ackers, lead author of the study and atmospheric scientist at the Netherlands Institute for Space Research. "We found that these landfills, which are relatively small compared to city sizes, are responsible for a large fraction of total emissions from a given area," he said.

Satellite data to detect emissions is still a relatively new field, but it's being used more and more to

observe gases across the world. It means more independent organizations are tracking greenhouse gases and identifying big emitters, whereas previously local government figures were the only source available.

"This new work shows just how important it is to manage landfills better, especially in countries like India where landfills are often on fire, emitting a wide range of damaging pollutants," said Euan Nesbit, an Earth scientist at Royal Holloway, University of London, who wasn't part of the study. Earlier this year, smoke hung over New Delhi for

days after a massive landfill caught fire as the country was sweltering in an extreme heat wave with temperatures surpassing 50 degrees Celsius (122 Fahrenheit). At least two other landfill fires have been reported in India this year.

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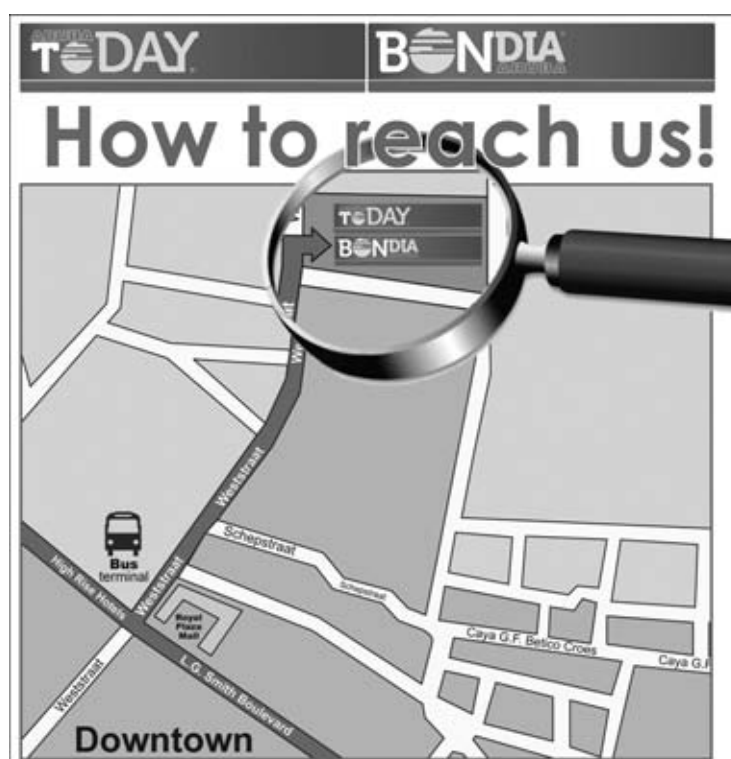
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Run, Laal, run: Aamir Khan stars in Indian 'Forrest Gump'

By **HILARY FOX**
Associated Press

Indian actor Aamir Khan enjoyed "Forrest Gump" so much that he's starring in a Hindi remake.

Released in 1994, the original film went on to sweep the Oscars, taking six trophies including best picture and best actor for Tom Hanks. Directed by Robert Zemeckis and written by Eric Roth based on Winston Groom's novel, "Forrest Gump," is the tale of a slow-witted but mathematically gifted man who witnesses key points and figures of U.S. history, like the Vietnam War, presidents and Elvis Presley.

Nearly 30 years later, the story has been given an Indian makeover — with Khan taking on the role of the titular character "Laal Singh Chaddha" — including converting the line "Run, Forrest, run" into "Run, Laal, run."

"I just remember seeing it a couple of times in a short span, and it had a deep impact on me, Khan says. "I loved the character of Forrest. I loved the way Tom played the part as well. And it's a film that stayed with me."

It took a decade for Khan



This image released by Paramount Pictures shows Aamir Khan in a scene from "Laal Singh Chaddha."

to get the movie rights. But big changes were made to root "Laal Singh Chaddha" in Indian history and culture, with both the Kargil war and superstar Shah Rukh Khan appearing.

Laal does not think life is like a box of chocolates, he instead likes to quote his mother talking about Golgappas - small circles of filled, deep-fried flatbread enjoyed with spiced water, which has a slightly different meaning than the original motto.

"(Forrest says) 'my momma used to say life is like a box of chocolates: you never know which one you would get.' And in this one, the English translation is, 'My mama used to say that life

is like a Golgappa: your stomach gets full, but your heart desires more,'" explains Khan.

He says writer Atul Kulkarni was adapting what was "essentially American" into something "quintessentially Indian and very relevant to us culturally."

Directed by Advait Chandan, "Laal Singh Chaddha" also stars Kareena Kapoor Khan, Mona Singh and Naga Chaitanya.

Khan says he asked Kapoor Khan, who's had a successful career for more than two decades, to try out for the pivotal role of Laal's friend, Rupa D'souza.

"She's such a huge star and she's never auditioned for a part in her life. But for

me, doing an audition for the part is perfectly natural because even I want to see how close I am to the character. So we're not really testing to see that a person can act or not, but really how suitable the person is for the part. But that's something which is very unusual in India."

Another huge star who makes a small but important appearance in the movie is legendary Indian actor Shah Rukh Khan. No audition needed, as he's portraying himself.

"We were trying to look for an equivalent to Elvis Presley in America. And I think for us, it was an obvious choice to go for Shah Rukh, because he's such a huge

star and everyone loves him so much," Khan says. "He was really sporting and generous and said, yes, I'd love to do that."

"Laal Singh Chaddha" is releasing around the world this month — including on 350 screens in the U.K., which is a new record for an Indian movie.

"I'm really nervous," Khan admits.

"It's a film that we've made with so much love and care and it's been such a challenging film to make. The whole journey has been difficult but exciting and fun." A lot of that journey was spent sprinting towards the finish line — and he "ran a lot," Khan says.

"For a month and a half we were traveling across the country, and each place we went to I just was running, and Advait as a director was quite heartless. He would start a shot and he would be in the car, and there would be a camera in the car, and I would be running and the car would be just driving, and it would be a few kilometers by the time he said cut."

"Laal Singh Chaddha" releases in India, Germany, France, Singapore, the U.K. and the U.S. on Thursday. □



This image released by William Morrow shows "Mika in Real Life" by Emiko Jean.

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Mika Suzuki is a directionless, 35-year-old Japanese woman with a big secret: She gave her

Review: Rough-start novel with redemptive, touching finish

daughter up for adoption at 19. Emiko Jean's latest novel, "Mika in Real Life," takes place as Mika takes on a major transformation, starting with reconnecting with her daughter, Penny. Eventually, Mika has to confront the events that led her to being a hopelessly single, constantly laid-off disappointment to her mother, and figure out how to have a relationship with her own child whom she hasn't spoken to since the day Penny was born. In an effort to not look like such a loser, Mika begins weaving a tapestry of lies to create the life of Mika 2.0; who she wants to be and maybe could have been. Mika gives her life an undeserved glow-up that will certainly blow up in her face. It's hard to enjoy when things are going right for Mika because you know all the sugar glass will splinter into

shards sooner or later. The whole time you're thinking of ways for Mika to come clean because it's the only and obvious solution from the start. Mika's reasons for lying in the first place are not particularly compelling anyway.

Fortunately, that train wreck only takes about a third of the book before moving on to greener pastures. The novel picks up when Jean reveals Mika in real life — not just a Mika that's honest, but one that is a better, rounder character. She's more believable.

When Mika decides to be honest with herself and others, she begins to process her life. "Mika in Real Life" explores universal issues — like finding happiness and the challenges of being a parent — as well as nuanced ones, like the Suzuki family's particular strains of trauma: her mother being up-

rooted to a foreign land, Mika's own experiences that led to her being pregnant and giving up art, and Penny's pursuit of identity as a Japanese American raised by white parents in Ohio.

The Mika of the second half of the book makes for far more pleasant company. She isn't perfect but has a semblance of balance in her life and strives to be someone and do something.

For the first bit, "Mika in Real Life" relies on its interesting premise to drag readers through flat predictability and buckshot-style writing that turns everything into an opportunity for flashbacks and exposition. But I'm grateful for Jean's tenacity, because it's worth wading through the rough start to get the novel's redemptive, touching ending. "Mika in Real Life" has heart, and it touched mine. □

Go the Distance: Cubs, Reds play at Iowa's 'Field of Dreams'

By JAY COHEN

AP Baseball Writer

DYERSVILLE, Iowa (AP) —

David Bell's grandfather, father and brother played in the majors. Bell spent 12 years in the big leagues himself and worked as a coach and front office executive before taking over as manager of the Cincinnati Reds.

So yeah, "Field of Dreams," a movie about family and baseball, hits a little differently for him.

"Baseball's a big part of our life," Bell said, "and I thought that the movie did a great job of kind of just telling the story of how important baseball can be to families and just to people in general."

"Field of Dreams" gets another tribute Thursday night when Bell's Reds take on the Chicago Cubs in a throwback ballpark in the cornfields of eastern Iowa, a short walk from the field where Kevin Costner, James Earl Jones, Ray Liotta and Amy Madigan filmed the 1989 movie.

Under a light blue sky with a few dashes of clouds, workers put the final touches on the major league park on a warm Wednesday afternoon. A couple of youth teams played on the field from the movie as Cubs and Reds fans wandered around the grounds.

The game comes 2 1/2 months after Liotta, who



Chicago White Sox players walk on the field before a baseball game against the New York Yankees in Dyersville, Iowa, Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021.

played the ghost of Shoeless Joe Jackson, died in May at age 67.

Each team will wear special uniforms inspired by how the franchises looked in the early 20th century, and Cincinnati first baseman Joey Votto and Chicago outfielder Ian Happ will be on two-way mics for the broadcast on FOX.

The Reds are considered the home team, and the three-game set concludes with games in Cincinnati on Saturday and Sunday.

But first, Iowa.

"Just really excited," Cubs outfielder Seiya Suzuki said through a translator. "It's not a field where you can

play on every day."

It's the second go-round for Major League Baseball at the site in Dyersville — population of about 4,400 — after the New York Yankees and Chicago White Sox put on a show last year in the first MLB game in Iowa.

After Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton rallied New York to the lead in the top of the ninth inning, Tim Anderson lifted Chicago to a 9-8 victory with a dramatic two-run homer, sending the energetic shortstop on a memorable trip around the bases as fireworks exploded through the night sky.

"It looked amazing. It

looked packed," Reds second baseman Jonathan India said. "It's in the middle of nowhere, which is kind of crazy, to have a game like that. We're going to go out there and enjoy it."

Just like Jones' wise author Terence Mann says to Costner's Ray Kinsella in the film, people most definitely will come.

The makeshift ballpark seats only about 8,000 fans, less than the spring training homes for each team. The Cubs have strong ties to the Hawkeye State, going back to the franchise's time on WGN-TV and continuing to today with its Triple-A club a couple of

hours away in Des Moines.

"There's moments in the season where you get something different that's exciting, and making sure you appreciate that I think is the main thing for me," Cubs manager David Ross said.

"We'll be ready to go play." While people will come, will they watch at home? That could go a long way toward determining if the "Field of Dreams" site becomes an annual date on the major league calendar or maybe just an occasional one.

Last year's game, featuring two playoff contenders filled with stars, attracted nearly 6 million viewers in what MLB said was the most-watched regular-season game on any network since 1998.

But the lowly Cubs and rebuilding Reds aren't exactly last year's Yankees and White Sox. The playoff hopes for the NL Central clubs evaporated a long time ago. There aren't a lot of major names around, either.

But there is nostalgia for the movie, an Academy Award nominee for best picture, and the sure-to-be picturesque landscape surrounding the game.

"It's a popular movie that resonates with a lot of people, and I'm no different," Votto said. "I'm looking forward to it." □

Fauci receives honorary Hutch Award before Mariners game

SEATTLE (AP) — Dr. Anthony Fauci was presented with an honorary Hutch Award on Tuesday night prior to the Seattle Mariners' game against the New York Yankees.

The Hutch Award has been awarded by Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center based in Seattle and typically to a Major League Baseball player who "best exemplifies the determined spirit of the late Fred Hutchinson, a pitcher and manager who

died of cancer in 1964 at age 45." Fauci is the second person to be given an honorary Hutch Award, along with former President Jimmy Carter in 2016. Fauci was greeted by mostly cheers from the Seattle crowd with some boos mixed in. He threw out the ceremonial first pitch to Seattle manager Scott Servais. It was far better pitch than when he threw out the first pitch in Washington in July 2020. Servais had Fauci auto-

graph a facemask after catching the first pitch. Fauci is President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser and director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which is part of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. Fauci has been a vocal supporter of vaccines and other preventive measures against COVID-19. He said he expects to retire at the end of Biden's current term. □



Dr. Anthony Fauci throws out the first pitch before a baseball game between the Seattle Mariners and the New York Yankees, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, in Seattle.

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NFL teams tapping USFL veterans for help in training camp

By **TERESA M. WALKER**

AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

Cornerback Terrell Bonds has talked about being a member of the NFL's Tennessee Titans since he played in college at Tennessee State.

Five years after his college days ended, he's finally on the Titans' roster as a training camp signee.

"For it to actually come true now, it's crazy and I'm thankful for it," Bonds said.

Bonds owes his latest football opportunity to the revived USFL where he played 10 games this spring with the Pittsburgh Maulers, and he's got lots of company as the NFL starts its first week of preseason games Thursday night. Bonds is among 42 players from the



Tennessee Titans safety Terrell Bonds (47) runs through drills during an NFL football training camp practice at Ascension Saint Thomas Sports Park in Nashville, Tenn., Monday, Aug. 8, 2022.

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USFL's inaugural season signed through Tuesday by 26 of the NFL's 32 teams.

USFL MVP KaVontae Turpin now is with Dallas, while

All-USFL offensive lineman Cameron Hunt signed with the Chargers and All-USFL tight end Sal Cannella joined the Green Bay

Packers. Wide receiver (12) has been the most popular position for NFL teams followed by cornerback (nine) as NFL teams look for help in training camps.

Like Bonds, Turpin has been scrambling to keep his dreams of professional football alive since his college career at TCU ended during the 2018 season. Turpin has bounced from the Fan Controlled Football League, Spring League and finally the USFL before being signed by Dallas for camp.

"Man, it's like a dream come true. It's a blessing," Turpin said. "I've been in four leagues before I came here. So, it's a blessing to be here and know the Cowboys gave me a wonderful opportunity to come here

and prove myself. I'm just happy to be here." Many of these USFL players have been in the NFL before.

Hunt played with both Denver and the Raiders. Bonds played four games with Baltimore in 2020 and spent last offseason with Miami before being waived last August. Darrius Shepherd caught six passes over 2019-20 with Green Bay and signed with Denver after reviving his career with the New Jersey Generals.

"It was really beneficial," Shepherd said of the USFL. "I'm really happy that they put that league on. They did a great job and provided a lot of opportunities for guys as you see people get signed all over the league."

NFL teams certainly were watching. Not only did 32 officials from the NFL Development Pipeline work USFL games, NFL teams had no issues quickly accessing USFL game tapes so pro scouts could watch breakdowns for any players they liked.

Tennessee general manager Jon Robinson said their pro staff had specific teams to evaluate and grade and met to rank those players just before the USFL's championship. The Titans previously had worked out both Bonds and cornerback Shakur Brown, Bonds' teammate with Pittsburgh who signed with Tennessee a few days before Bonds.

"But then certainly watching the USFL and seeing how they performed or things they needed to work on, it gave us more, I'd guess, comfort knowing that we're bringing a guy in that's played football recently," Robinson said.

Having practiced and played this spring gave USFL players a couple of big advantages over those working out on their own hoping for an NFL team to call. First, they're physically ready for the grind of training camp.

"I just got finished with a whole season so I'm definitely like midseason for me," Brown said. □

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